

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims:**

Claims 1-3 and 5-27 are pending in the application.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a):

Claims 1-3, 6-9, 11-12, 14-16, 18-20, 22, 24 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Amin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,411,807) in view of Mori et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,128,485). Claims 5, 10, 13, 17, 21, 23, 25 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Amin et al. in view of Mori et al. in further view of Boltz (U.S. Patent No. 6,311,055). Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's rejection for the following reasons.

Independent claims 1, 9, 12, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22, 24 and 26 are directed to various arrangements in which, in a registration mode, a base station signal is transmitted from the base station and a transmission of signal from a communication apparatus which has been registered is restricted.

In other words, in the claimed arrangements, the communication apparatus restricts transmission of a signal from the apparatus itself and such restriction is performed in a registration mode.

In contrast, Amin merely discloses that a denial of registration message is returned to a VRL (e.g., Col. 6, line 67 to Col. 7, line 1) when a registration procedure is initiated (e.g., "201" of Fig. 2). Amin is silent as to any arrangement in which the communication apparatus is able to restrict transmission of a signal from the apparatus itself in a registration mode, as claimed.

Mori does not address these deficiencies of the Amin reference. Mori, as relied upon by the Examiner, simply discusses a network arrangement in which the network components are capable of prohibiting in-coming calls to a mobile terminal and informing the terminal that it is located in a call-incoming prohibited area. As with Amin, Mori is silent as to any arrangement in which the communication apparatus is able to restrict transmission of a signal from the apparatus itself in a registration mode, as claimed.

Accordingly, independent claims 1, 9, 12, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22, 24 and 26 and their dependent claims are distinguishable over the cited references, individually or in combination.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4739. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

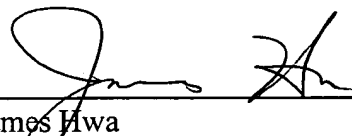
In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4739. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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